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"C" Division.
Dixwell Road Police Station.
January 6, 1937

Diary Number:— 2

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Death of a Rumanian Jew at the Red Rose Cafe,
Cabaret No. 123 Jukong Road, Changhai.

At 6 a.m. on the 29-12-36, the undersigned, with the assistance of the French Police, again visited Passage 9, House 6, Route de Grouchy, but Jean Bartolomeu was absent, and it was learned he had not visited there since the morning of the 27-12-36, date on which S. Wiengarten was murdered.

Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the 29-12-36, D.S. Barton kept observation on the house, but Jean Bartolomeu failed to put in an appearance.

Between 7 p.m. and 12 midnight on the 29-12-36, the undersigned and D.S. Barton, with the assistance of the French Police, visited the Auditorium, and brothels and bars on the Avenue Joffre and Route Des Secours, when it was learned Jean Bartolomeu had not been seen for four or five days, prior to which he had resorted to these places.

On the 30-12-36, a description of Jean Bartolomeu was circulated by teleprinter for information of all foreign detectives, stating he was wanted for questioning. No results accrued from this. Passenger departments of shipping companies were also warned.

The undersigned has visited cabarets in the Settlement, French Concession and North Szechuen Road area, seeking for information, this resulted in one named Mr. Riborio, a Portuguese subject, being met at

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11.30 p.m. on the 5-1-37, in the Red Rose Cafe, Jukong Road. He informed the undersigned that his friend one Mr. Dentici, an Italian subject, had met Bartolomeu on the 28-12-36. On request, Mr. Dentici and Mr. Riberie attended Dixwell Road Station on the morning of the 6-1-37, when Mr. Dentici gave the following information.

On the 28-12-36, he saw Jean Bartolomeu, at his home and office, Passage 1284, House 19, Rue Lafayette, when Bartolomeu informed him that he had had a quarrel with his paramour, and did not wish to sleep at his home, Passage 9, House 6, Route de Grouchy, that night, so asked Mr. Dentici if he could sleep in Mr. Dentici's office. This was permitted, and after leaving early the following morning, Bartolomeu, returned later when Mr. Dentici was out.

Mrs. Dentici, however, saw him, and she observed his demeanour was very nervous. At about 7.30 p.m. on the 29-12-36, Bartolomeu again visited Mr. Dentici, carrying a small valise, and told him that his paramour had given him \$50.00 and a Chinese, name not mentioned, had also given him \$50.00, this \$100.00 he said was for his fare to Tientsin, where he had been promised a year's contract with the Grand Hotel, as an electrical fitter, at a salary of \$150.00 per mensem. He further stated that he was leaving for Tientsin that evening by the 11 p.m. express train.

Mr. Dentici noticed Bartolomeu was wearing a new

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suit of clothes, and also he had had his head shaven.

Mr. Dentici has not seen him again since that evening.

It would appear that Bartolomeu has left Shanghai, but, in view of his divulging his destination, it would not appear likely that he has gone to Tientsin.

Mr. Dentici, who is a member of the Special Police, of the French Concession, knew Bartolomeu when he was employed in the armoury of the French Police, which position he was dismissed from 18 months ago. He has not had employment since.

His paramour, Lydia Efremenke, Russian, employed at Metropole Cabaret, residing Passage 9, House 6, Route de Grouchy, was questioned by D.S. Barton and Detective Ivanoff of the French Police, at 4.30 p.m. on the 6-1-37. She stated, that at about 8 p.m. on the 28-12-36, she quarrelled with Bartolomeu, over his relations with other women, when she told him not to visit her again. He left the house and she went to her work.

At about 8 a.m. on the 29-12-36, he again visited her, when she contends that she gave him an amount of money in the region of \$30.00 to \$40.00, at that time he appeared very upset, and said he was leaving Shanghai, but did not give his destination.

The veracity of the paramour's statement is to be doubted, as she is in very poor circumstances, and if she did give Bartolomeu money, she would naturally know the

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amount. She could not give a detailed description of Bartolomeu that morning, but stated he was still of an unkempt appearance.

Dr. Wong Wha has been informed of the foregoing and stated he will notify the P.S. Bureau at Tientsin, for them to make enquiries.

The two coolies, namely Tsang Sz Ying (張士英) and Ts Ah Jing (朱阿勁), employed at the Red Rose Cafe, give the following description of the foreigner who entered the room shortly after 1 p.m. on the 27-12-36 and left about 3 p.m.

"Male foreigner, height about 5'5", medium build, long thin face, dark complexion, dark long hair, slight growth of beard and moustache, wearing a dark brownish coloured overcoat, and dark coloured soft hat."

This description is also given by the coolie Tsu Mien Kung (朱妙根), employed by Chen Choo (陳秋) general store, 217 Woosung Road, referred to in the initial report.

This description tallies with that given by the French Police of Bartolomeu, prior to Mr. Dentici having seen him with his face and head shaven.

Enquiries proceeding.

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Death of a Rumanian Jew at the Red Rose Cafe, Cabaret, 123 Jukong Road, Chapei.

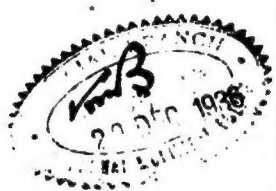
The undersigned acting on the instructions of the P.A. to D.C (Crime), at 9.30.a.m on the 28.12.36, visited No. 123 Jukong Road, the Red Rose Cafe, to meet Dr. Wong Wha, Officer i/c, 3rd Dept, P.S. Bureau Headquarters.

Dr. Wong Wha and party arrived at about 10.15.a.m, prior to which the D.D.O."C" Division, visited the scene.

In a bedroom on the 1st floor of the premises, situated at the South East corner of the dance floor, on a bed lay the body of Samuel Wiengarten, aged 77 years, Rumanian Jew, manager of the Red Rose Cafe. The body was lying on its left side, and had extensive burns on the feet, hands and face. There were also two wounds on the head. The bed clothing and mattress of the bed was badly burnt. There was severe scorching of the wall and wooden cupboard adjacent. The room was in a general disorder, a broken bottle was lying among some debris near the bed, and electric wiring hanging on the head of the bed. A safe in the corner of the room had a key in the lock.

At 10.30.a.m on the 28.12.36, Procurator Weng Kwang Kyi (王廣幹) of the Shanghai District Court held an inquest on the body, subsequent to Doctor Sung Kwei Peng

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Mr A. Wiengarten, manager of the Maxime Cabaret, No. 45 Avenue Edward VII, identified the body as that of his brother.

Following the inquest photographs of the body were taken by officers of the S.P.S. Bureau. The body was later removed to the Chengtu Mortuary for an autopsy.

Dr. Wong Wha informed the undersigned verbally, that the result of the autopsy was, that death was caused by a blow on the head with a hard instrument, the burning of the body followed.

It appears that at about 3.45.p.m. on the 27.12.36, a coolie of the dance hall observed smoke issuing from under the door-way of the bed-room, he raised an alarm, and several Russian and Portuguese employees of the dance hall, who were on the ground floor at the time, came to the dance hall and smashed in the door. The door has a yale spring lock affixed. They found the bed on which the deceased was lying in flames which they extinguished with buckets of water.

The P.S. Bureau, North Szechuen Road Police Station were not informed until 4.45.p.m. on the 28.12.36.

The books of the dance hall show takings of about \$900.00 during the Christmas period. Mr. A Wiengarten contends that deceased had about \$2000.00 in the safe—this and money on the deceased's person had been stolen, along with several cheques of unknown amount.

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These cheques were believed to be on the Banque Belge pour L'Etrange. The undersigned informed the bank of the alleged theft.

All the employees of the dance hall were taken to the P.S. Bureau Headquarters on the night of the 27.12.36 for questioning, they were released on the evening of the 28.12.36. Names of these individuals have not yet been obtained by the undersigned.

Until a late hour on the 28.12.36, no finger prints or definite clues at the scene of crime had been obtained by officers of the P.S. Bureau, however, everything points to murder and robbery.

Enquiries by the undersigned and D.S.I. Van Tuh Fee, results of which have been passed on to the D.D.O."C" Division, and Dr. Wong Wha, points to a foreigner being the culprit.

A coolie by the name of Tsu Miam Kung (朱妙根) employed by Chen Chee (順泉) general store, No. 217 Weesung Road, at about 2.30.p.m. on the 27.12.36, delivered an order of butter and wine to the deceased, in the room where he met his death. At that time a foreigner, whose description somewhat coincides with the description of a foreigner given by two coolies of the dance hall, in the P.S. Bureau Headquarters, who saw the foreigner entering the room shortly after 1.p.m. on the 27.12.36, and leaving about 3.p.m. the same day, was seen by this coolie in the room.